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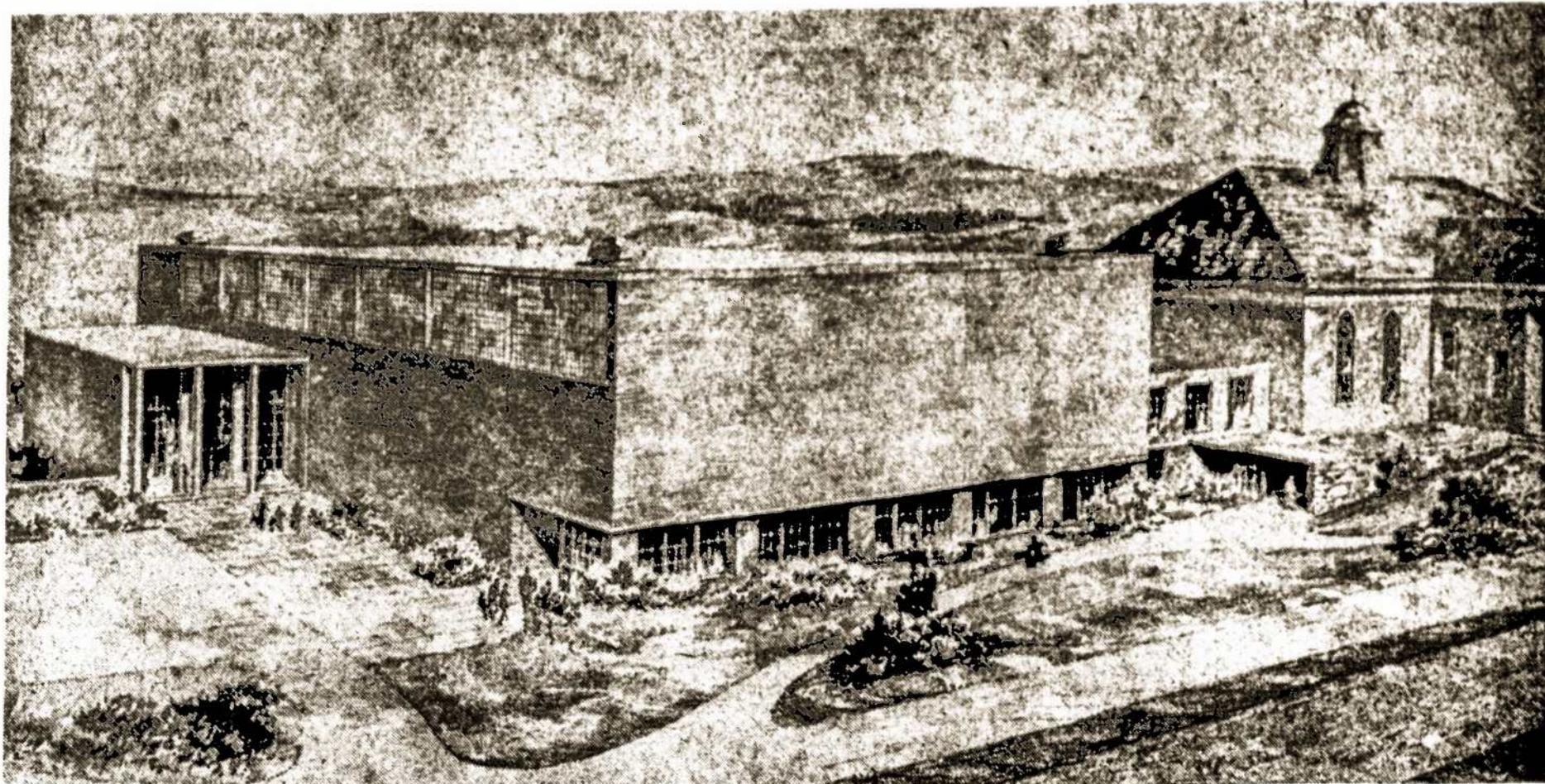
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New Addition to Mt. Hermon Gymnasium



Warwick Votes Two New Vehicles; No New Fire Truck

The special town meeting held in Warwick Monday night rejected the request for a new fire truck but did approve purchase of two new highway department trucks. **Road Supt. Lee J. Dresser, Sr.** Stanley Anderson and Glenn Matthews were made a committee of three authorized to investigate and purchase two new trucks, trading in two town-owned Chevrolets. The committee was authorized to borrow money for the balance after trade-ins and to repay the amount from the highway earnings account.

Purchase of a new fire truck, estimated to cost about \$8,700, was defeated by a vote of 26 to 18. Officials pointed out that the present fire truck is in poor condition and that the town faces costly repairs on it if a new one is not purchased. It was also reported that ownership of a new truck might result in lower fire insurance rates.

A request to donate the old schoolhouse woodshed to the Boys Club was rejected. It was felt on the part of some that the town might be able to provide better quarters for the boys as the woodshed is badly in need of repair.

The town forestry committee reported its efforts to determine the town forest boundaries as distinguished from those of the state. The committee reported some success and some failure to establish bounds. It noted a request from Oscar Ohlson to provide the town copies of maps he has made over a period of years.

For unforeseen expenses, the town meeting appropriated \$150 for burials and \$250 for the contingency fund. Approval was voted for a transfer of \$4000 from the road machinery fund to the road machinery account.

The meeting met at 8 p.m. and lasted about 2½ hours. About 45 persons attended.

Work Parties Are Proving Popular

The second in a series of work parties at the Unitarian Church was held Saturday from 1 to 6 p.m. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to the work series even if they can stay only for an hour. Pails, rubber gloves, and stepladders are the tools needed by the volunteers.

Welfare Costs Go Up for October

Welfare expenditures for Northfield rose \$91 above the year's average after a September showing of \$27 below average. October payments totalled \$5,541, compared with a September figure of \$5,180. The caseload remained unchanged at 62. A decrease of one each in disability assistance and general relief was balanced by an increase of two old age assistance cases. Aid to dependent children case total was unchanged.

Expenditures for October cases was as follows: OAA, \$4,802, 55 cases; ADC, \$390, 3 cases; DA, \$272, 2 cases; GR, \$76, 2 cases.

Expenditures for September were as follows: OAA, \$4,354, 55 cases; ADC, \$380, 3 cases; DA, \$275, 2 cases; GR, \$169, 2 cases.

Local School Senior Wins Second Place In Speaking Contest

Miss Martha Parsons, Northfield High School senior, won a \$25 savings bond as a prize at the second annual Voice of Democracy contest in Greenfield. The event was held at the junior high school auditorium there Nov. 20.

Cora Hurlburt, a junior at the Powers Institute, was also a contestant and was heard with Miss Parsons on the tape recorded broadcast Sunday afternoon over WHAI. The contest was sponsored by the Greenfield Junior Chamber of Commerce and Radio Station WHAI, Greenfield.

Stephen D. Howard Is Named Asst. Minister

Stephen Davies Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Howard of Amherst and grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Anson Howard of Winchester Road, East Northfield, has been appointed assistant minister of Binghamton's First Congregational Church. For many years the Howards have been associated with the Northfield Schools but Ernest Howard is the only Howard still remaining here. He and his wife live in the Goodspeed block.

Stephen Howard did his undergraduate work at American International College in Springfield, and received his S.T.B. degree at Harvard Divinity School last June. His first public appearance in Binghamton was at a Union Thanksgiving service in Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church in which he participated.

Gift in Memory of Mrs. Laura Bishop At Baptist Church

A new electronic organ was given to the Baptist Church by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bishop. The gift is in memory of Mr. Bishop's mother, Mrs. Laura Baldwin Bishop. The organ was introduced at the Thanksgiving service by Mr. Bishop who played several selections as well as accompanying the singing. He will give a recital at the formal dedication of the organ on Dec. 10.

The organ was played for the first Sunday worship last Sunday.

Talent Dollars' Are Collected At Fellowship

A talent dollar supper and program was held last Friday at the Advent Christian Church Fellowship Rooms in South Vernon. About 60 persons attended the affair and \$622 talent dollars were collected.

Master of Ceremonies was Warren Brown. Music Director Courtland Dunklee led the group in singing and Jimmy Moore followed with a piano solo. Next, an orchestral selection by Laura Kendall, Martha Ann Dunklee, Judith Parsons, Jonathan Fowler and Alfred Young was accompanied on the piano by Linda Goodwin.

Linda Goodwin also played a piano solo, and a chorus of primary children sang. They were: Linda White, Carolyn Stange, Linda Parsons, James and Everett Moore, Jr., and Stephen Dunklee. Jonathan Fowler played a piano solo.

Harrison Stacy and Harold Parsons counted the talent dollar money which came to \$622 including a gift of \$200 from the Gordon Buffum family. The Buffums left this sum with the church treasurer when they moved to Florida.

The supper was served by Mrs. Gertrude Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Brasser, Mrs. Everett Moore, and Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Kendall. Laura Kendall, Martha Ann Dunklee, Joy Moore, Linda Goodwin and Judith Parsons served as waitresses as well as taking part in the program.

Rev. Walter Bezanson and Rev. Fred Flewelling offered the

Greene-LaPan Nuptials Nov. 17

Miss Roberta J. Greene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Greene of Gill, was married to Kenneth R. LaPan of Adams Road, Greenfield, in Mt. Hermon Chapel Nov. 17.

The chapel was decorated by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ward. Miss Ruth Wagner of Pawtucket, R. I., was soloist. Rev. James Rae Whyte, chaplain, performed the double-ring ceremony.

The bride, lovely in a gown of traditional white, had as maid of honor Miss Barbara Green. Bridesmaids were Miss Patricia DeForge and Miss Louella Pachalas. Raymond Clark was best man and Thomas LaPan and August Pachalas, ushers. The maid of honor wore yellow and the bridesmaids blue. Some 75 people attended the reception held at the VFW hall. The Carlin Trio provided the music.

Mr. and Mrs. LaPan will be at home at 11 Power Court, Greenfield, after return from a wedding trip to New York City. The bride was graduated from Turners Falls High School and from the attendant nurses' training course in Walpole. The bridegroom, a graduate of Greenfield High School, is employed at Mt. Hermon Schools.

Powers Basketball Schedule Listed

Powers Institute basketball team will start its season with a game against the alumni Dec. 11. The team has been practicing under direction of Coach John Callahan at the Mount Hermon gymnasium and at the town hall. Their first schoolboy game will be against Petersham on Dec. 14 at Bernardston.

The girls' team is under the direction of Coach Lukie Taft and will open their season against Petersham girls on the same date.

The schedule follows:

BOYS
Dec. 11, Alumni; 14, Petersham; 18, Hinsdale; 21, Winchester; Jan. 8, Northfield; 11, at Charlemont; 15, at New Salem; 16, at Hinsdale; 18, at Ashfield; 22, Williamsburg; 25, at Petersham; 29, at Northfield; Feb. 1, at Winchester; 5, Ashfield; 8, Charlemont; 12, at Williamsburg; 15, New Salem.

GIRLS
Dec. 14, Petersham; Jan. 8, Northfield; 11, at Charlemont; 16, at New Salem; 18, Ashfield; 22, Williamsburg; 25, at Petersham; 29, at Northfield; Feb. 5, at Ashfield; 12, at Williamsburg; 13, New Salem.

Million-Dollar Addition to the Mt. Hermon Gym

One of Mount Hermon School's most pressing needs will be met with the construction of an extensive addition to James Memorial Gymnasium, which is scheduled to start soon and to be completed in September 1957. Although this addition was originally a Development Fund project and some funds have been contributed for it, the greater share of the expense will be met from school funds. The trustees, confident of the continued generous support of alumni and other friends, have decided to proceed with this much-needed addition.

The new gymnasium area will extend from the north wall of the present building. The main floor 172 by 100 feet in area, is 12 feet longer and twice as wide as the school's central dining room in West Hall. This space allows for three basketball courts, one 90 by 50 feet, the other two, 84 by 48 feet. A folding wall will make it possible for two games to be played at one time, and pull out bleachers will seat 1053 people. The floor will also be available for badminton, volleyball, and track work. The entering lobby for spectators will be equipped with a ladies' powder room and a room assigned to the school's Outing Club. On the lower floor will be 593 lockers, enough to take care of all students and coaches, and enough showers to carry the heaviest load. There will also be coaches' dressing rooms, a training room, a large equipment room, and the Director's office. The natatorium will include a pool 75 by 40 feet with plenty of deck space to handle large squads. This will allow 6 lanes for competition and 10 to 11 lanes for practice. There will be a gallery for 350 spectators and a window below the surface for coaching.

The old gymnasium will be used to good advantage. The main floor will be devoted to body mechanics and gym apparatus. The pool will become an indoor rifle range, and other rooms will provide much-needed facilities for visiting team dressing rooms, and dressing rooms for game officials. The construction is estimated to cost about \$1,000,000.

Soil Erosion Is Subject at Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club met at the Valley Vista Inn Monday Nov. 19 when Lt. Gov.-Elect Robert McGregor of Orange was present. Twenty-three members attended, and a new member, Edward Parsons, was welcomed. Corys Heselton opened the meeting with a blessing.

Speaker was Edward Konieczny of the USDA soil conservation service. He showed slides illustrating his talk on soil erosion and methods of correcting it.

The Kiwanis celebrated the birthday of Johnny Spencer and the anniversaries of Hamilton Cregar, Charles Llewellyn and Floyd Dunnell.

Gill Library Notes

The Slate Memorial Library in Gill has received a shipment of new books. The new books (21 adult and 25 juvenile) will be loaned on a "first-come, first-served" basis Thursday during the regular hours, 3 to 8 p.m.

Cardboard models of three engines, Yonah, General and Texas, will be on display, illustrating Walt Disney's motion picture, "The Great Locomotive Chase."

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CROSSTOWN

By Roland Coe



"I think you're exceeding your authority, Thomas Jones!"

Church Notes

Russell Sage Chapel

Guest minister this Sunday at the worship service in Russell Sage Chapel at 11 a.m. on the campus of Northfield School for Girls will be the Rev. Carl Munger, chaplain at The Loomis School. Mr. Munger was one of the leaders at the Northfield League's Summer Conference this past summer, and will be a discussion leader at the conference at the hotel this weekend.

Mount Hermon Memorial Chapel

The Rev. William G. Cole, chaplain of Williams College in Williamstown, will be the speaker at the Sunday morning worship service in Mount Hermon's Memorial Chapel at 10:30. Mr. Cole is an alumnus of Mount Hermon School and preached the annual Founder's Day address at Mount Hermon in 1955.

Advent Christian Church

Public worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 11 a.m. Evening services 7:30 p.m.

Trinitarian Congregational

Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, minister. Irving J. Lawrence, choir director, Mrs. Belle C. Marden, organist. Sunday, 9:45 a.m., church school. Mrs. F. H. Mosse, superintendent; 9:45, adult Bible class meeting in the north tower room; 11, morning worship with sermon.

St. Patrick's Catholic

Main St. Rev. Henry McKeon, pastor. Rev. Anthony Rzatta, curate. Sunday—9:45 a.m. Sunday School—Mass at 10:30.

Northfield Unitarian

Sunday: Rev. Robert S. Slater, minister; Mrs. Francis Reed, organist and choir director. Worship service with sermon at 9:45 a.m. School of religious education at 11 a.m. Superintendent, Mrs. Kenneth Miller; assistants, Mrs. Herman Miner and Kenneth Miller. Worship service and classes.

Northfield Baptist

Main Street, Paul L. Bubar, pastor; Mrs. Dorothy Perry, pianist. Saturday, 7:30 p.m., "Him-spiration" youth rally at the church; Sunday, 8:15 a.m., WHAI morning worship; 10, Sunday school. Mrs. William Messer, superintendent; 11, morning worship with sermon.

Goodale Memorial

Thomas S. Cleaver, minister. Sunday, 9:45 a.m., school of Christian education with Bible

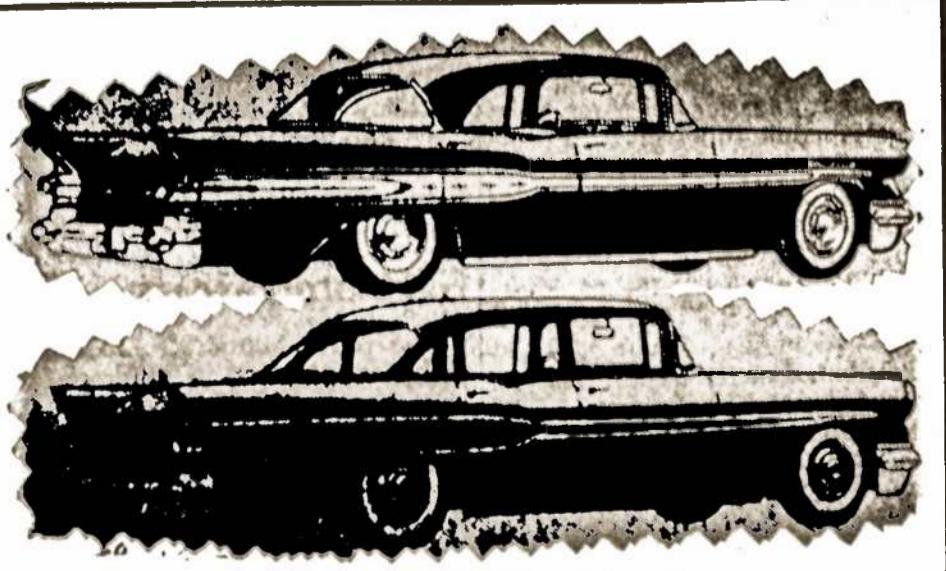
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The PTA meeting for December will be on the third Monday to coincide with the Men's Club meeting for the preparation of Christmas baskets. Containers for the collection of canned goods and other articles will be placed in both schools a week prior to the meeting. The committee in charge will be: Mrs. Marion King and Leland Barber.

The Northfield Athletic Association held its first basketball practice Tuesday night at Northfield Town Hall. The Montague Basketball League, in which the team will participate, opens Dec. 10.

teaching for all ages, superintendents, Audrey and Richard Phelps; at 11 a.m., celebration of the Lord's Supper. New members will be received into the church membership; baptism of children. Those who desire to unite with the church may call the minister or see him in person.



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High School News Notes

By Nancy Oakman

Official word last weekend from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association states that Northfield High School has for the second consecutive year won a first place rating on its yearbook, "The Review." The yearbook for the class of 1956 did not receive so high a rating as that of the previous year but was sufficiently high to receive this distinguished rating. Northfield is the only high school in the area to have placed so high and it is sincerely proud of the last year's yearbook staff and Miss Dearstyne who worked so many long hours on its planning and layout.

The present yearbook staff is already well underway in planning for the 1957 issue of "The Review" which will be available before graduation day.

The entire student body and faculty were justly proud of the fine showing Martha Parsons made a week ago in the "I Speak for Democracy" contest held at Greenfield Junior High School. Martha received a second place prize for her essay—a \$25 Savings Bond.

The students of Grades 9-12 were able to hear the speeches of the six contestants at an assembly Monday afternoon. Mr. Leonard made a tape recording of the program as delivered over Radio Station WHAI so students might hear the representatives of the six schools, and how well the Northfield representative, Martha Parsons, did in the contest. The recording was made on the new tape recorder just received which was paid for by funds contributed by the teachers and the student council.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fowler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tenney, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Young and family enjoyed Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams and family.

Mrs. Frank Wood and Miss Leta Wood spent Thanksgiving in Fitchburg with Mr. and Mrs. Roland Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Hammond entertained her mother, Mrs. Florence Borthwick and Mr. Rupert Luey for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Despres of Fitchburg were with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Billings and family for Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fisher spent Thanksgiving with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Niles Stone.

Miss Marion Jewett, daughter of Mrs. Donald Snow, is home from the Northfield School for Girls for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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Another new student entered school Wednesday as an eighth grader. Peter Popkiewicz came from Orange, and is living in South Vernon. This brings the enrollment to 170.

Deficiency slips were distributed Wednesday afternoon to those students who were not doing satisfactory work in the second marking period. These warning slips are usually received with reluctance by the student but have proven effective in stimulating students to study so that when report

cards are distributed there are fewer non-passing marks.

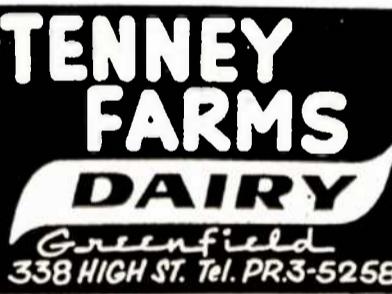
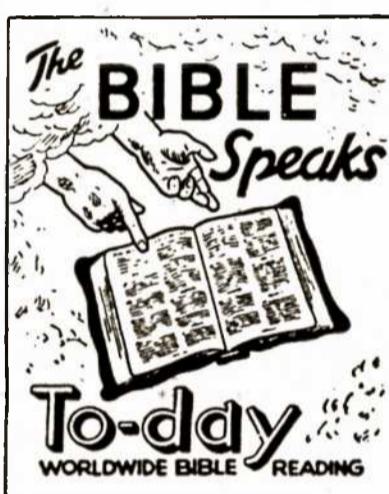
A school assembly was held Wednesday afternoon during the eighth period for the upper classes. Mrs. Harry Gortner from Greenfield spoke to the assembly on "the opportunities available in the commercial field."

Mrs. Gortner is a representative of Fisher Junior College in Boston. She told of the variety of secretarial and related jobs available in the field of commercial work and answered many questions that were asked of her by the students.

Rehearsals are being held each afternoon or evening in the town hall for the annual class play, "Going on Seventeen," which will be presented Saturday, Dec. 15.

Education Week Is Observed Locally

The Center School was visited by more than 137 adults during American Education Week. The total enrollment for the six grades is 280 children from 182 families. An open house was held following the PTA supper and meeting Nov. 19 and about 150 persons were conducted through the eight classrooms at the school. Parents viewed displays including the vision testing equipment which the school nurse, Mrs. Marian Billings, has been using to test pupils' eyes.



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Social and Personal News Notes of the Northfield Area

Members of the Northfield Chapter attended the official inspection of Arcana Chapter, OES, recently, with officers of grand lodges in both Vermont and Massachusetts attending.

The Garden Club will hold its next meeting on Monday, December 10.

The Franklin County School Committee Association will meet Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. in Room 7 of the Greenfield High School. After the business meeting and election of officers, there will be a panel discussion on school problems, by superintendents of this area. Frederick W. Porter of Greenfield and F. Sumner Turner of Northfield will take part in the discussion. Subjects included will be; the future of regional schools, age for grade 1, size of classes, beginning foreign language study, teacher shortage, exceptional children and transportation.

Refreshments will be served.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Hume, Jr. of South St., Bernardston; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hume, Sr. of Greenfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Root of Bernardston; great-grandson of Mrs. Anna Bullock of

Greenfield and Warren Root of Bernardston.

Corys Heselton and Warren Whitney attended the joint New England Pest Control Association and Connecticut State Pest Control Association Meeting at Hartford, Connecticut, Wednesday. Mr. Heselton was a member of the panel which answered questions of those attending. The panel is a feature of these meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Heselton and Mr. and Mrs. Whitney recently attended the Abalone Exterminating Company's annual party at Schenectady, N. Y. About 90 couples from all parts of New England and New York State attended and celebrated the 60th birthday of the owner of the company.

Miss Hazel Harper has moved to 2815 Woodburn Ave., Cincinnati 6, Ohio. She was for many years the New York City Mission official heading the Virginia Fresh Air Camp in East Northfield.

Miss June Browning of Fall River came home for Thanksgiving holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Hammond entertained about twenty guests at their Thanksgiving party. The Marshall Hammonds and their four children came all the way from Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Browning were hosts to twenty-eight members of their family including several children and grandchildren.

Alan Bolton came home from Hebron Academy in Maine to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with his parents, the Horace Boltons.

Friends of Miss Virginia Kosinakay and Lawrence Whitaker are invited to their wedding Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. in the Advent Christian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lord had as their guests Thursday the Kenneth Millers and Robert Shearer and family. Mrs. Shearer could not attend as she is in Farren Memorial Hospital.

The Christmas cards ordered the Ladies Benevolent Society are

now at the home of Mrs. Virginia Leach.

Douglas Pearsall hitchhiked home from Bainbridge, Md. Friday. He returned Sunday.

Out-of-town guests at the Fred Pallam home this week have been Mrs. Pallam's brother Harry Murray of Binghamton, N. Y. and Miss Polly Moor of the American Foundation for the Blind of New York City.

Mrs. Maude Wood spent Thanksgiving with the Pliny Burrows at Brattleboro, Vermont.

Miss Sophie Servaes went to Boston to spend the Thanksgiving holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. Carlton W. Woods have left their Pine Street home and moved into the Dollard House on lower Main Street which they have rented.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gillespie have returned from Missouri.

The Civic Council having already had a November meeting did not meet Wednesday. Instead, the December meeting will be on the 5th, and then the Council will return to their regular time, the last Wednesday in January.

Miss Judy Parker came home for the Thanksgiving holiday from Upsala College in East Orange, N. J. Rev. Gordon Parker left British Guiana on November 27, and after short stays in Trinidad and the Virgin Islands he expects to reach his family here about December 4th. This will terminate his foreign service for the Lutheran Church.

Miss Hortense Zimmermann, sister of the late Mrs. Elza Paxton, will remain on in East Northfield with her nephew, David Hammond, and his family.

At the Christmas Bazaar at the Trinitarian Congregational Church on December 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. there will be a Mitten Tree, snack bar, food-table, pantry shelf, and Christmas presents suitable for all.

Edward Hurley, President of the Civic Council, has appointed the following committee to choose Christmas cards for Northfield people in military service; Mrs. Donald Huber, Mrs. Pearl Allen and Mrs. E. M. Powell. The public is urged to send in suggestions which will be considered Friday, Nov. 30 at a ten o'clock meeting at Mrs. Huber's home.

The Arthur Platts and their daughter Midge spent Thanksgiving with the Martin Hubers in Hartford.

The James Whytes had as their holiday guests the William McKintrys of New Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Gray and daughters Loraine and Dorothy of Bellaire, N. Y., spent the long Thanksgiving weekend in their apartment in the Briesmaster house north of the Valley Vista.

There was a Christmas sale and food sale at the Vernor Home Tuesday.

Recent guests at the Carroll Miller home have been their daughter, Mrs. Stanley Barfitt and family from Long Island. The Ross Spencers (Jr.) also joined them for Thanksgiving Day. Mrs. Spencer was the former Carolyn Miller.

Donor Pins are being sent to five residents by the Red Cross as a result of the donations at the Bloodmobile Nov. 9. Roland F. Bentley will receive a "two-gallon" pin; "one-gallon" pins go to Emory Rikert, George Partridge, Louis Abbey and Edmund Brasor.

When the National Grange Seventh Degree was recently conferred in Rochester, N. Y., the following attended from this town: Mrs. Pearl Allen and daughter Marian, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Whitney, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Colton.

Mrs. Pearl Allen entertained twenty-one guests on Thanksgiving Day at her home on Beers Plain Road.

Seventeen Brownies under the leadership of Mrs. Hamilton Creager, Mrs. John Green, and Mrs. Leslie Gibson, made holiday tray favors for the patients of Bronson's Nursing Home.

Miss Sophie Servaes is chairman of the Christmas Fair at the Trinitarian Congregational Church to be held all day December 1 in the church. She presided over a committee meeting Monday evening that made final plans for the Fair. Permission will be given to the students of The Northfield Schools to attend, and others expected are delegates to the New England Prep School Conference then in session at The Northfield Hotel. The committee met Monday in the home of the Donald McCollester.

The Pilgrim Fellowship will place boxes for clean and repaired clothing and blankets for Hungarian refugees in the Congregational vestibule. Two other churches have previously put out such boxes: St. Patrick's and Unitarian.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Packard and his mother, Mrs. Lucy Packard, have moved from Brattleboro down to the house they recently purchased on Fish Hatchery Road.

Nancy Mann visited at home from Simmons College where she is a freshman. She was a weekend guest of Janie Koomans of Belmont and they attended the Harvard-Yale football game Saturday. Miss Koomans also graduated from the Northfield School for Girls last June.

Rev. and Mrs. Everett Moore and four children spent Thanksgiving with his parents, the Charles Moores, in New Haven, Conn.

On December 3 the deer hunting season opens for Massachusetts.

The Little House is used four times a week by the Brownies and

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the Girl Scouts. They have issued their annual appeal for fire wood to heat the house on club meeting days and this year would like an axe also.

Next Tuesday evening is Neighbors' Night at The Grange.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pyper had as their Thanksgiving guests their son Gordon and his wife and two sons from Northfield, Vermont, and their daughter's family, the Robert Shedd and daughter Salley from Roslindale, Mass.

Past Matrons of the OES met at the home of Mrs. George Sheldon Wednesday.

At the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital Nov. 26 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. James I. Callaghan of Northfield. Mr. Callaghan's father died Nov. 28.

Eighth graders in the Trinitarian Congregational Church are selling UNICEF cards and note paper. The proceeds from the sales will go to benefit children all over the world.

Fred Kelley has returned from

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To Lawrence H. Randall and Lois M. Randall, both of Northfield, in the County of Franklin and said Commonwealth, and to all whom it may concern: Greenfield Co-operative Bank, duly existing corporation, having an usual place of business in Greenfield, in said County of Franklin, claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering real property in said Northfield, situate on East Street, given by Lawrence H. Randall and Lois M. Randall to the plaintiff by instrument dated November 28, 1950 and recorded with Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 955, Page 426, has filed with said court a bill in equity for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the twenty-fourth day of December 1956, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, John E. Fenton, Esquire, Judge of said Court this twenty-third day of November 1956.

Sybil H. Holmes, Recorder.

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Through a Kitchen Window

The first snowfall—a soft fresh covering. Sunday the world was dressed in purest white. The very face of things had changed overnight. Gone were the colors, the forms and textures of fall. Everything seemed wrapped in the magic of snow. Silently the snowflakes fell frosting every branch and twig with inches of fluff.

The apple trees in the orchard beyond the fence, the elms, oaks, wild cherries, and the leafless shrubs were all decorated with sprays of white icing. The pointed cedars stood erect with snow-capes over their shoulders. The sprawling junipers beside the rock outcropping became snow covered mounds, difficult to differentiate, so thick and even was the coating of white. Pockets of snow on the eaves at the house foundation gave solidity to the lace edged sprays of deep green. The rose bush tangle was crisscrossed with green and white, the arching stems meshing with each other in an interesting manner. Rabbit started a nest beneath this very patch last spring.

A strange stillness filled the air as the snow came down in silence. There was a feeling of largeness about. It was hard to tell where snow left off and sky began. There was not the slightest movement. No living thing was yet abroad. No birds, no squirrel about. No rabbit tracks to mar the sea of white.

Boughs of the Servian spruce to the north of the house were soft-piled with the tufted weight of fleecy white. Near the rail fence the clusters of red pine wore patches of angora on their outstretched arms. The yellow fringed witch hazel bending in graceful white over the rock seemed to close communication with the wild rose nestled there.

Erythronium alata with curiously winged stems beside the doorstep was so beautiful this fall I thought it could never look lovelier. But its branches, white encrusted, now devoid of their crimson foliage hung with brightly colored fruits as an invitation to the birds. The shagbark hickory earlier scattered its leaves broadside when it no longer needed them. Pillows of snow collected on its discarded leaves that lodged among the leafless branches of the *Hypericum* close by, forming

a delightful picture unexpectedly artistic.

The snow had stopped falling and everywhere we looked was a sight of interest and beauty. The roof of the bird feeder was snow capped, a windrow on the threshold obstructing the entrance but with the warming sun we knew it wouldn't stay that way for long. And our bird friends would come eventually—the chickadees, nut-hatches and downy woodpeckers, to share this day.

The gentleness of the soft new snow touched everything. The little nests on the ends of the wild carrot stems were heaped with down that would brush off at the touch uncovering the homely weed it is. How pretty they are in their disguise! Yarrow, goldenrod and asters are camouflaged too but only for a time. A deserted vireo's nest, its cup filled to the brim with snow, hangs across the path in the ash tree. Why hadn't we noticed it before? It made us wonder what happened to the little brood raised in this semi-pensile nest, and where they are now that winter has set in.

The full charm of the bare and leafless patch of woods is felt as we look at the interesting tree forms, their empty hands covered now with snow. How different each is even as we view them at a distance. The whiteness of the snowy ground points up the subtle characters of each one and some of the trunks painted with mosses and lichens, unnoticed before, can be enjoyed unreservedly now.

Not for long did we live in this fairy-like world with everything seemingly at a standstill. There came a change in mood and a change of air currents. A slight breeze stirred causing a shift in the delicately balanced loads, sifting snow from twigs and branches exposing dark accents here and there. The sun rose a little higher in the heavens. Little by little bits of white icing jarred from the branches and twigs to pock-mark the white blanket beneath. The birds began to come to the feeding stations and a saucy blue-jay with a flash of color flew across my line of vision.

This picture, of loveliness all about us is a miracle. Snow in its perfection is most beautiful and wonder evoking. "Nature is full of genius, full of divinity." I marked this day on the calendar. The day of the first snowfall, November 18th.

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Northfield Social Notes

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the hospital and is at his Main St. home in East Northfield.

Mrs. Ernest Billings has her sister, Mrs. W. H. Long of Shelburne Falls, staying with her while Mr. Billings is in the Greenfield Hospital.

Mrs. Robert Shearer has returned from Farren Hospital.

Bradford Newcomb is in the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Wayne Billings is in the Farren Memorial Hospital.

The Kiwanis Club enjoyed an unusual evening when the ladies of the Advent Christian Church prepared their supper in the town hall last Monday and then Advent pastor Rev. Everett Moore gave a talk on his collection of 500 different rocks and minerals. With a special light he brought out beautiful colors in some of the specimens he brought to the meeting and he also showed slides.

Mrs. Edward Morgan has gone to spend two weeks with her son, Rev. Edward C. Morgan and family in Bridgeport, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pietz left Wednesday to spend the winter in Florida. They expect to do some traveling and Lakeland will be


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their headquarters.

Mrs. Conrad Bayley has resigned from the staff of The Northfield School for Girls and has gone to make her home with her husband's grandmother at 22 Ridge Road, Middletown, Conn.

Last Saturday John Rikert helped his brother Paul move his family into their new home at 56 Highland St., Canton, Mass.

Linda Mae Huber has returned from the Brattleboro Hospital where she underwent an emergency appendectomy.

Mrs. Anne Morrow of Mt. Hermon had an operation in the Franklin County Hospital November 19. She hopes to be home at the end of this week.

Mrs. Katherine McIver, head of East Marquand Hall, was in a serious automobile accident last Friday. She was driving with her brother and his two children in Vermont when a New York car skidded and crashed into them. She is in the Springfield, Vermont, Hospital.

At the Krejwas home on Tuesday evening a baby shower was given for Mrs. Stephen Shryba. Mrs. Krejmas and Mrs. George Butynski were co-hostesses.

The Northfield Historical Society will meet Tuesday evening, Dec. 4, at the home of Miss Amy Hamilton. Miss Fanny C. Stockbridge

will review "The Rangers" by Daniel P. Thompson.

Mrs. Fanny Brodowski of Brooklyn, N. Y. spent last weekend with the Alfred Holtons.

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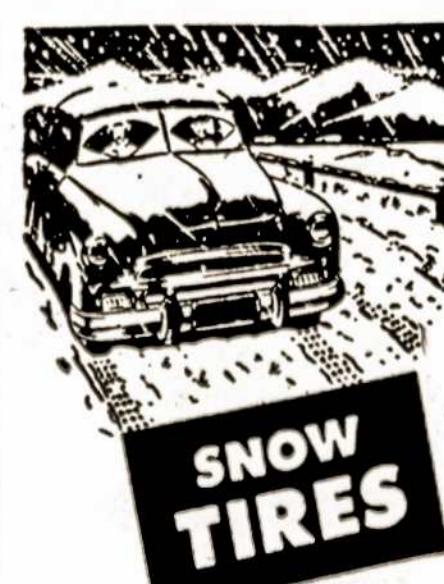
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son, Diane and Donna Deane, Kar-
en Greene, Donna Grover, Mar-
garet Hale, Linda McCrea, Linda
Sedgley, Deborah Underwood,
Cynthia Whitney, Romona Smith,
Gary Churchill, Timothy Den-
gault, Jeffrey Kenney, Lawrence
Parker, Gerald Poirier, Kenneth
Remillard, Ronald Streeter, Gary
Upham.

Grade 1 — Donald Brown, Alan
Bunevich, Hugh Der, Francis Gib-
son, James Lessard, Dana Racine,
Gregory Szulborski, Allan Tubbs,
Raymond White, Sandra Batchel-

der, Donna Campbell, Joyce Da-
vis, Kathleen Denison, Norma
Drew, Marsha Harris, Jane New-
hall, Phoebe Nicholson, Karen
Raymond, Esther Sullivan.

Grade 2 — Joan Chamberlin,
Bonita Crosier, Mary Jane Drew,
Virginia Lenois, Prudence Mc-
Comb, Penny Patch, Donna Read,
Deborah Snow, Susan White,
Peter Dyer, Richard Flagg, Rob-
ert Haskell, Glenn Hutchinson,
Thomas Ireland, Bruce Porey,
James Sedgeley, David Senior,
Paul Skiahitis, Elmore Streeter,
Lawrence Wood.

Grade 3 — Leslie Crosier, Scott
Dunn, Gardner Fogg, Robert
Greene, Jr., Vernon Hurlbert,
Raymond Cocian, Gordon McCrea,
Frederick Parker, George Street-
ham, Walter White, Douglas Wilder,
Patricia Barrett, Kathryn Bas-
sett, Gail Bishop, Mary and Sally
Davis, Jill Foster, Sandra Harris,
Alicia Hicks, Janice Olsen, Janet
Page, Marie Streeter, Ingrid Wie-
mers.

Grade 4 — Kenneth Flagg, Hen-
ry Franklin, Wesley Hutchinson,
Kenneth Kemp, Dale Merz, Cola
Nelson, Robert Raymond, Peter
Seamans, Donald Slocum, Philip
Sullivan, Lloyd Szulborski, Robert
Thurber, Robert White, Stephen
Dunn, Barbara Amidon, Judith
Coates, Betty Deane, Sharon Der,
Betty Field, Susan Fowler, Linda
Harwood, Christine Holmes, Shir-
ley Morgan, Donna Newhall, Don-
na and Priscilla Porey, Priscilla
Senior, Beverley Snow, Donna Sul-
livan, Cheryl Whitney.

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David Denison, Edwin Dyer, Er-
nest Freyenhagen, Marilyn Hale,
Lillian Herrick, Donna Magoon,
Stephen Petrin, Leland and Ruby
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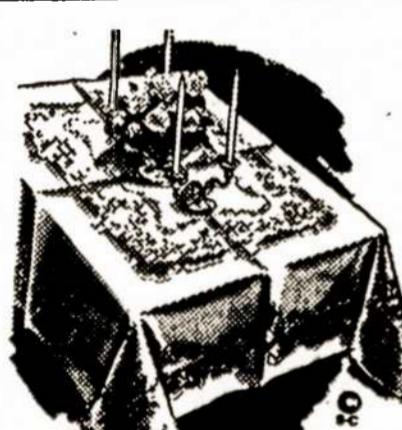
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John Callaghan Is Well Remembered For His Anecdotes

On Wednesday morning, November 28, John Thomas Callaghan, of East St., Northfield, died at his home. He was born September 25, 1874 and was the oldest all-time resident of Northfield. His father and mother were James and Margaret (O'Keefe) Callaghan. On November 20, 1907, just forty-nine years ago he was married to Flora Dennell in St. Johns Church in Millers Falls. Among the offices he has held were Selectman and Town Road Commissioner at two different times. He was organizer of one of the town's earliest baseball teams. As the oldest villager who has never lived outside of Northfield, Mr. Callaghan had many historic and amusing unpublished anecdotes about the founder and the founding of The Northfield Schools, as well as about the town itself.

Surviving are his widow; his son, James I. Callaghan of Northfield and six daughters and fifteen grandchildren. The daughters are Mrs. Mary Lamoureux of Greenfield; Mrs. Ellen McDonough of West Medway, Mass.; Mrs. Florida Abbey of Northfield; Miss Frances Callaghan of Boston; Mrs. Jane Johnson of San Diego, Cal.; Mrs. Margaret Calder of Washington, D. C. Two surviving sisters are the Misses Mary and Katharine Callaghan of Northfield.

High Mass of Requiem will be said at 9 a.m. Friday at St. Patrick's Church.

Burial will be at St. Marys Cemetery here. The Rosary was recited at his home on East St. Thursday evening. Kidders Funeral Home had the arrangements.

Bernardston Notes

Mrs. Effie Kornstadt of Church Street spent Thanksgiving vacation with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Lueckel, Jr., of East Hartford, Conn.

Mrs. Pauline Streeter was a holiday guest of her sister, Mrs. Leon Burrows, in Bernardston.

Mrs. Richard Phelps of South Street spent the Thanksgiving holiday with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hatton, Jr., and daughter, Cathy, of Akron, O. Richard and Edward Phelps spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Leon O. Burrows of Old Brattleboro Road.

Sixteen relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Damon on Northfield Road for Thanksgiving. They were: Mr. and Mrs. James R. Young, Sr., Mrs. Gertrude Hood and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Willis and Miss Claire Damon, all of Greenfield, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Turkington and daughter, of Manchester, Conn., Miss Dorothy Damon of East Hartford, Conn., Joffre DeMars of West Hartford, Conn., and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Damon, Jr., of Bernardston.

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George W. Westcott, Extension economist, University of Massachusetts, made the above statement in discussing the farm situation on the New England Farm Hour recently.

Westcott added that farm prices average about the same as last year with milk prices higher, poultry and egg prices lower, vegetable prices about the same, and apple prices higher but with only half a crop. However, farm costs have risen more in Massachusetts than they have nationally so that total net farm income here will be lower this year.

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NEIGHBORS NIGHT HELD HERE TUESDAY BY LOCAL GRANGE

The Northfield Grange observed Neighbors' Night Tuesday when 35 members attended from Guiding Star of Greenfield, Bernardston, Keene and Montague Granges. Arthur Tuttle and Norman Matthews of Greenfield entertained with songs, accompanied by guitar and harmonica.

Northfield and Sunderland Granges will confer first and second degrees Monday at Whately and Guiding Star women's team will confer the third degree at Montague Dec. 10. The fourth degree will be conferred the same evening by the Whately-Bernardston team.

Committee chairmen, masters and lecturers will meet at Greenfield's Grange Hall Sunday evening. Mrs. Bernard Whitney will outline projects and plans for the year of the state home and community service committee. Victor Vaughan of Greenfield will outline state youth committee work.

Connecticut Valley Pomona a Grange will meet here Dec. 17 for a Christmas party following a supper at 7 p.m. under the chairmanship of Mrs. Lee Holloway.

The Pilgrim Fellowship meeting at a Trinitarian Congregational Church drew 35 members last Sunday. Rev. Joseph Reeves led a discussion, "Juke Box Religion," and members records were accompanied on the piano by Mrs. George Leonard. It was announced at the meeting that this group will be collecting clothing for all ages to send to the Hungarians. Devotions at the meetings were led by Shirley Kelley.

Fire caused an estimated \$500 damage in a shed owned by Robert Rubeor of Bernardston last Saturday afternoon. Rubeor discovered the blaze himself. Chief Wendell E. Streeter, who estimated the loss, said that the fire was confined to the shed. Cause of the fire was not known. Mrs. Edwin Damon called the fire department for aid at Rubeor's request.

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Two South Vernon hunters made out in Vernon last Saturday. Robert Gibson, while deer hunting, shot a bobcat, and Gerald Barnes shot a three-point, 125-pound deer.

Mrs. Ernest Blodgett and Mrs. Margaret Speers have as a guest this winter, their sister, Mrs. Maria Dowdell of Millet, Alberta, Canada. Her brother, Jack Palmer, accompanied her here from Montreal after meeting her there.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Flewelling were visited by their daughter and her family over the holidays. She and her husband, Rev. Glenwood Jordan, and three children returned home to Sunshine, Maine, Wednesday.

S. R. Kendall and Courtland and Ernest Dunklee attended a meeting of the Eastern States Farmers Exchange in West Brattleboro Tuesday.

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Card Party Held

The Unitarian Men's Club held a card party at the town hall Tuesday, Nov. 20. Eight tables were in play. Mrs. Emory Rikert won high prize at the whist table and George Kidder, low. Laurence Hammond took high prize at pitch, and Lois Fuller, low; Mrs. Eva Fox took high at canasta, and Mrs. Eva Knapp, low. Mrs. Rickert and Mrs. Fox won the door prizes.

Chairman of the party was Edward Lord, assisted by Rev. Robert Slater, Clarence Spaulding, Joseph Smolen, and Carroll and Kenneth Miller. Prizes were donated by Mr. Slater, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Ken-

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**Heated Discussion
In Gill Meeting**

Selectmen in Gill voted two to one against transfer of a package store license from Duda Packing Co. on Mountain Road to Duda Fine Foods on French King Highway, Chairman Walter Vassar announced Wednesday. Duda will receive a letter setting forth reasons for the action from the selectmen.

The transfer request was opposed at a hearing last week by Henry Riel who operates a package store across the road from the proposed new location. Duda Brothers planned to operate the package store in one corner of a new supermarket which they are now building near French King Highway. Duda may now apply for renewal of the license at the Packing Co. on Mountain Road or allow it to expire on Dec. 31. In the event of expiration the permit might be granted to another firm.

About 40 persons attended a hearing Tuesday night, Nov. 20. Principal arguments were made by lawyers representing the opposing parties. Duda Bros. were represented at the hearing by Atty. John Dolan of Turners Falls. Atty. Raymond M. Trudel of Montague Center represented Henry Riel.

Dolan pointed out at the hearing that the new \$75,000 store will mean much to the town and that \$13,000 per week must be grossed to meet the overhead of maintaining the new establishment.

Trudel argued that it was not in the best interests of the town for the two package stores to be placed so close together and that when Riel first applied for his license in 1949 he was led to believe that of the two licenses available, one would be in the southern part of town and one in the central part.

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**Experiences in Africa
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Miss Ruth Truesdell of Moores Corner was guest speaker at a missionary meeting held Tuesday, Nov. 20 at the Vernon Home. Miss Hazel Merrifield, president of the local Mission Society, introduced Miss Truesdell. Miss Truesdell's message was "Revive Us Again." She sang the hymn in an African dialect and spoke of many experiences she had in Africa. She read parts of letters she has received from other missionaries since her return home.

At the meeting, Mrs. Christine Quimby led devotions and later noted that three missionary mothers were present: Mrs. Arthur Truesdell of Moores Corner, Mrs. Fred Flewellen, whose son and family are in Japan, and Mrs. Jennifer Blossom, whose daughter and husband are in India.

Closing prayers were by Rev. Isabelle Kennison, Miss Truesdell and Mrs. Quimby. Refreshments were served by Miss Merrifield, Mrs. Flewellen and Mrs. Anna Blackstone.

The Unitarian Church is sponsoring the motion picture film, "Martin Luther," which will be shown at the town hall Sunday night. There will be a free-will offering for the Sunday School.

Before the deer hunting season in Vermont ended Sunday the following area hunters managed to get their share of venison.

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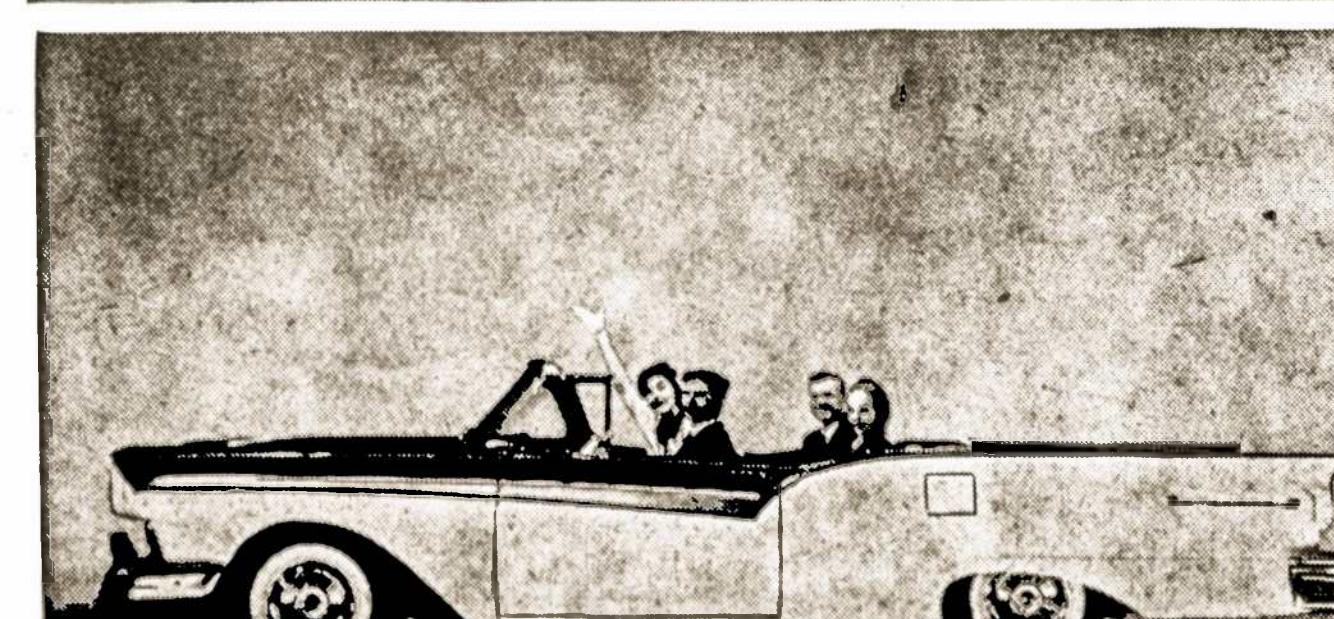
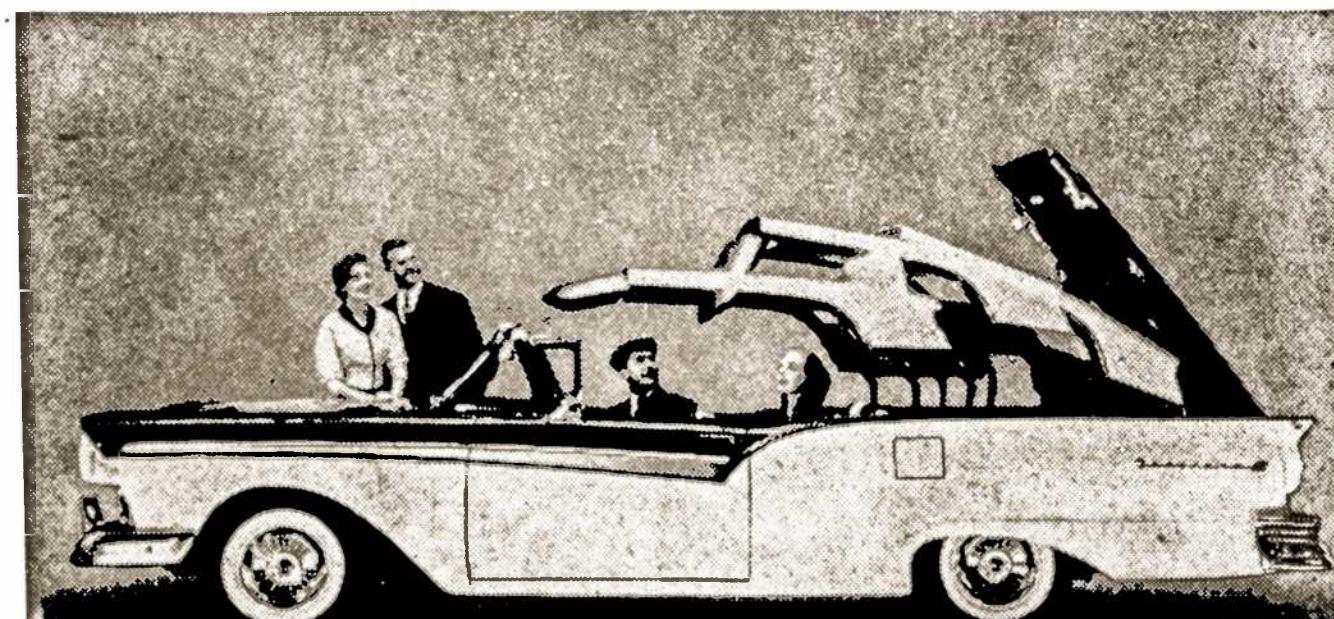
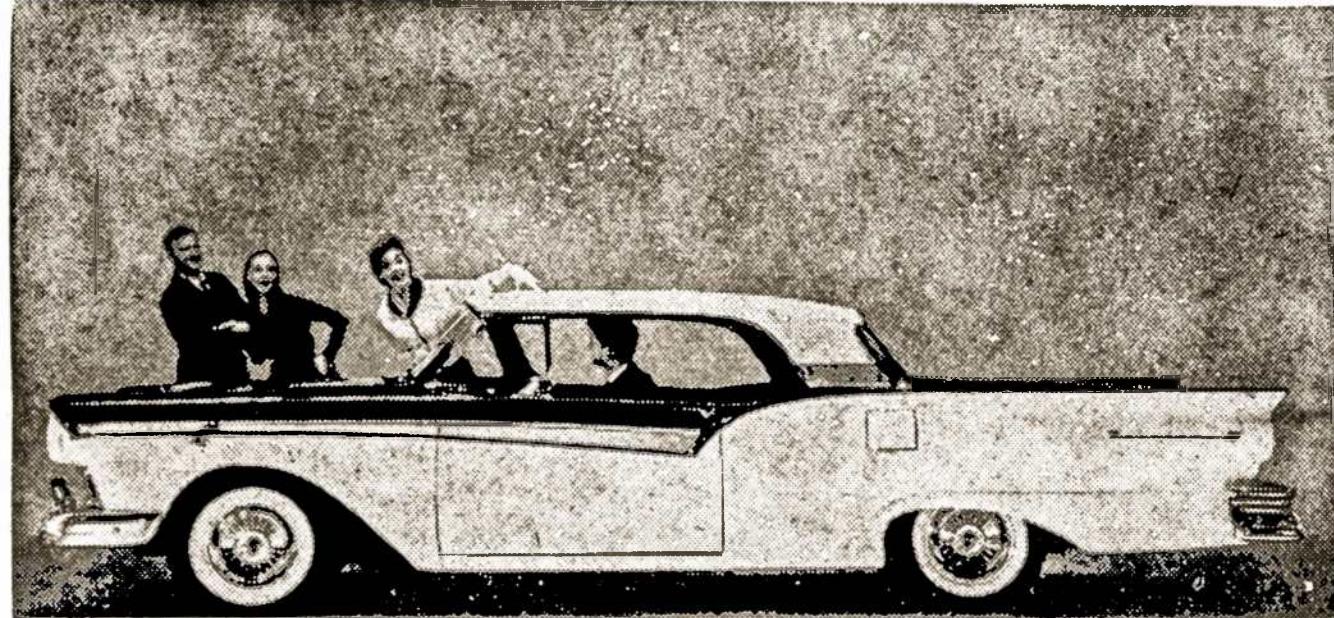
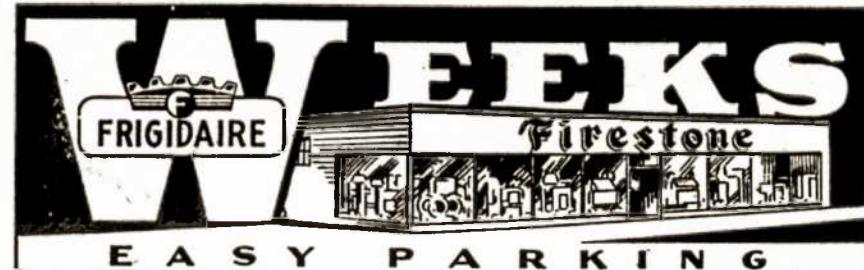
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